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1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES (EAL) EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AND DIRG REPS SEPT. 29, ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES INFORMED FOREIGN CARRIERS THAT ADDIS BOLE AIRPORT WOULD BE OPEN AND PREPARED TO SERVICE THEIR AIRCRAFT EFFECTIVE TODAY SEPT. 30. DEAL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN STRUCK WITH EMPLOYEES AGREEING TO RETURN TO WORK AND AUTHORITIES CONSENTING TO FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION OF AIRPORT SHOOTINGS SEPT. 25 (EMBTel 11509).

2. LUFTHANSA, ALITALIA, BRITISH AIRWAYS, IRAN AIR ETC., AIRCRAFT DID CALL AT BOLE THIS MORNING AND WERE SERVICED. ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES LAUNCHED 3 INTERNATIONAL AND SEVERAL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. IN SUM, ADDIS AIRPORT WAS OPERATIONAL.

3. HOWEVER, AT THIS WRITING WE ARE WITNESSING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SNOWBALLING, WILDCAT WORK STOPPAGE IN TOWN. PETROLEUM WORKERS/FUEL HANDLERS HAVE JUST WALKED OFF THEIR JOBS. BANKS ARE CLOSING, VARIOUS FACTORIES AND BUSINESSES (E.G. MOENCO, CROWN CORK, SABEAN METALS, DARMAR SHOES, ETC.) HAVE SEEN THEIR WORKERS QUIT AND GO HOME. BUS SERVICES AND CABS ARE STILL OPERATING AS ARE UTILITIES BUT WE NOTE A DECREASE IN BUS FREQUENCIES. IN SHORT, WORK STOPPAGES ARE SPREADING AND MAY RENDER AIRPORT INOPERATIVE ONCE MORE AT ANY TIME.

4. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THIS SITUATION TO BE SUBMITTED IN SEPTel.
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